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For: REVERSIBLE GELING CO- POLYMER AND METHOD OF MAKING	) File No: E-1537-CIP
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 11/28/01, Applicant sets forth the following amendments and remarks toward reconsideration for allowance of the above-referenced application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A therapeutic agent carrier, comprising:
  - a. a reversible gelling copolymer, having a linear random copolymer of:
    - i. an N-alkyl substituted [meth-]acrylamide derivative; and
    - ii. a hydrophilic comonomer, wherein an amount of said hydrophilic comonomer in the linear random copolymer is less than about 10 mole% and greater than or equal to about 1 mole% wherein gelation occurs upon heating and